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Minutes
NAS Pensacola RAB Meeting
Naval Air Station Pensacola
Pensacola, Florida
September 1st, 2009

The following members of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) met at Building 624 on NAS Pensacola on December 2, 2008:

Greg Campbell (Navy Co-Chair)
Jesse Rigby

Tracie Bolaños (FDEP)
John Early (Community Co-Chair)

Administrative and technical support for the meeting was provided by:

John Schoolfield (Navy)
Gerry Walker, Tetra Tech

Ron Kotun, Tetra Tech
Yarissa Martínez, Tetra Tech

Other attendees included:

Patty Whittmore (Navy RPM)
Brian Caldwell (Tetra Tech)
Sam Naik (CH2M Hill)

Allison Harris (EnSafe)
Stephanie Carroll (The Management Edge)

Welcome: Greg Campbell, the Navy RAB Co-Chair, opened the meeting at 5:35 pm. Mr. Campbell by welcoming everyone and presenting the three topics to be discussed: RAB charter revision to include the sites being investigated under the Munitions Response Program, a technical presentation regarding the Record of Decision for Site 43 and a technical presentation on the proposed sampling for munitions constituents in Cory Station.

Charter Revision: The two community members present were not aware of the proposed changes to the charter. Therefore, the added language will be sent through emails and will be discussed during the next RAB meeting.

Technical Presentations:

1. **Site 43 ROD:** Gerry Walker of Tetra Tech provided an overview of the Site 43 background, site history, how was it discovered and characteristics. The ROD is a decision document that records the selected remedy, in this case for OU 2, which is comprised of the following sites; Site 11, 12, 25, 26, 27 and 30. A summary of the selected remedy, which includes removal of selected areas (soil) and land use controls, was presented. Further discussion regarding the investigation of the site, which included a geophysical survey, to properly investigate the undocumented disposal followed.

Question: *What did you sample for?*

Answer: Basically we sampled for a wide suite of analytes following the survey because of the lack of information available regarding the disposal activities in the area.

Ron Kuton, a risk assessor from Tetra Tech, followed presenting the human health risk associated with this site. The selected remedy for the site includes soil removal in specific areas, groundwater monitoring and land use controls.

Question: *Could the restrictions preclude recreation use?*

Answer: The land use controls will restrict the future use of the site and would not allow a residential scenario in the affected site.

Question: The sampling result seems low, *Would you find the same concentrations at other sites? Our concern is that we both have been trying to reduce costs and this seems a lot of work for something that is not worth it.*

Answer: We did find drums. Therefore, we did have a source of contamination in this area. *The Navy is trying to be protective.*

Question: *What frequency would you sample?*

Answer: At the beginning we would sample quarterly. After a year of data, we will reevaluate the site conditions and determine whether we need to continue sampling and with what frequency.

Additional discussion regarding the reasoning behind not excavating all the way down to the groundwater to avoid groundwater monitoring was shared with the group. Groundwater/soil interface and cross-contamination may make this type of removal very difficult and not recommended.

The RAB members agreed that the proposed alternative would comply with all the nine criteria.

2. **Munitions Response Program, Site Inspection for Cory Station Skeet Range 43:** Mr. John Schoolfield, Navy RPM, handed out some skeet pellets and shotgun shells in ziplock bags. Mr. Schoolfield presented information regarding the background, use and location of the skeet range near the Hospital in Cory Station. A proposed sampling design was shown to the RAB members. The RAB members stressed how important the community outreach would be and how easy would it be to find information regarding the construction and possible fill of the residential area to be sampled. FDEP asked how the community concerns would be handled, and commented that on Tyndall's Air Force Base blood samples for lead were offered to the affected community. Mr. Schoolfield commented that it could be done for Cory Station residents, and that he would look into that. Mr. Rigby noted that there are several environmental activists' organizations that would be all over the Navy because of the sampling in the residence area. Mr. Rigby continues to note that answers to all the community questions should be readably available and that nearby communities were affected by possible dioxins

release and that some small businesses did not allow sampling in their property. Mr. Rigby commented that the more disclosure regarding the issue at the skeet range the better and he further accepted to review the fact sheet to inform the community before publishing.

Information regarding the process for XRF sampling was shared with the RAB members.

Conclusion

The next meeting was scheduled for Fall/Winter 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.